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IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND LIGHT CONDUCTOR USED

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of September 9, 2005, claims 1-18 were canceled when the case was filed. See item 2 on page 1 of the application transmittal.

Therefore, the Restriction Requirement is moot. Applicants request early and favorable action on the merits of the application in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

We also provide a copy of reference JP02273257 with translated abstract, as requested.

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